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Subject: Re: Section 7 Endangered Species Act Consultation Request - Wayne Township Fire Station, Clermont County, Ohio

Nicholas,

We agree that the existing habitat at the proposed fire station contains no shade and is therefore unlikely to be suitable for running buffalo clover. We concur with your determination that the project, as proposed, is not likely to adversely affect the running buffalo clover (*Trifolium stoloniferum*). We agree that no impacts to other federally listed or candidate species would be expected to result from the proposed project.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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- Wayne Township Fire Station, Clermont County, Ohio

Mr. Applegate,

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has created an Environmental Assessment for the construction of a 10,000 square foot fire station, associated parking lot and stormwater detention basin located at N 39° 12' 37.92" and W 84° 03' 7.38" in Clermont County, Ohio. In compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, a review of the potential impacts to federally listed endangered, threatened and candidate species has been completed. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife technical assistance website, the following federally listed species are known to occur in Clermont County: Indiana Bat (endangered), Fanshell (endangered), Pink Mucket Pearlymussel (endangered), Running Buffalo Clover (endangered), Sheepnose (candidate), and Rayed Bean (candidate).

The proposed site consists of a vacant grassy lot. The proposed site is surrounded by residential structures to the north, west and south and a wooded area to the east. The Stonelick Lake State Park is located within .10 miles of the proposed project site to the west. The nearest identified water source, Stonelick Lake, is located .60 miles away. Project area is not located within identified flood plain areas and no effect on listed fish or mussel species is anticipated. No trees will be removed from the proposed project area so no potential impacts to the habitat for the Indiana Bat is anticipated.

Suitable habitat may be on the proposed project site for Running Buffalo Clover. Running Buffalo Clover habitat includes disturbed bottomland meadows. Photos of the proposed project area indicate that the project area is a disturbed meadow. FEMA is making a determination that the proposed project will not have an adverse impact on Running Buffalo Clover because suitable shade cover is not located on the site.

Based on the above analysis, we conclude that the project activity is not likely to adversely affect federally listed threatened and endangered species. FEMA is requesting your concurrence with this assessment. Attached are maps of the proposed project area and a photo of the proposed project site. If additional information is necessary for this review, please email me at nicholas.mueller@dhs.gov.

Thanks for your time,

Nicholas Mueller

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